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### ALEXANDRIA:

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M. Belly has made a contract with the governments of Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the construction, by a party of French capitalists, of an interoceanic canal, via the r.ver San Juan and Lake Nicaragua; to have an exclusive privilege for ninety-nine years, the work to be begun in two years and finished in six if possible; with a grant of all along the canal and river; ships of the Canal Company to pass free of tolls, but others to pay ten per cent on merchandise and twelve government to have the right to keep two Nicaragua, for the entire duration of the zinc. works. Appended to the contract is a declaration, signed by Rivas, Martinez and Mora, declaring that Central America is threatened by an invasion of fillibusters, under the official patronage of the United States, and that the American Minister in Nicaragua boasts publicly of peremptorily preposing as an ultimatum the ratification of the Cass-Yrisarri treaty, or an invasion of fillibusters under the American flag, and placing the independence of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, under the guaranty of France, England and Sardinis. An official copy of this document is the strain in a satisfactory manner. published. It will excite great attention in this country. It is argued, that the whole arrangement is in violation of the Monroe doctrine, and that this French grant, although on its face the affair of a private Company, will give the Imperial Government the opportunity of interfering very tangibly in Central American affairs, and cannot fail to complicate still further our relations with Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The London Times, however, declares that the whole affair, is without practical importance, since its conditions are never likely to be fulfilled.

Complaints having been made of the action of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund in the purchase of State Bonds, the Richmond Enquirer replies that "the late General Assembly passed an act on the sixth of April last, requiring the commissioners after payment of the interest on the State debt, to devote that part of the fund intended | doing an excellent business, large quantities for redemption at their disposal, "to the purchase, at their market value and cancellation of any outstanding bonds or certificates of ot redeemable." and to invest the portion intended for investment "in the outstanding bonds or certificates of the sail debt, at their market value," and to be held Northern Neck counties. for the benefit of said fund; and it is but right to say that the public creditor has no right to complain, for the bonds which he purchased, or upon which he made the loans to the State, bear upon their face the terms of the contract, which was, that the bonds were to be paid on a given day, "and thereafter at the pleasure of the General Assembly."

The Richmond Enquirer is doing good and noble service, in upholding the cause of the Union, both against the assaults of Northern fanatics and Southern ultras. It indignantly rejects the suggestions of a writer in the Charleston Mercury, looking to a dissolution and going to a place called Proverst, forty and recommending the South, in that event, to | miles from Sait Lake City, which, it is said, | seek the protection of the navies of other the contributions that appear in its columns, Marcy. the charge of Toryism may be again revived. "Cotton" may be their "king," ment of this sovereign, to become the sub- column at the crossing of the South Platte, of this year's growth, which measured 21 separated from his wife. jects of other nations."

The last number of the African Reposito- miles from Camp Scott. ry contains an able and interesting account of the life, character, and public services of the late Charles Fenton Mercer-one of the Camp Scott. Capt Harris, with 250 head best and most useful of the public men in of cattle, had been met 15 miles this side | County Court, (the 2nd Monday.) Virginia. He was in Congress for thirty years, and it is mentioned to his great honor vious two weeks had been living on eight that durig that time, he held himself almost ounces of flour and half a pound of beet per wholly aloof from partizan controversies, di- diem. recting his eye singly to the promotion of the highest interests of his country and mankind. To introduce his own language, "he was prompted during his whole public life by a desire to be useful rather than distinguished, and to scothe and allay rather than excite party spirit; to preserve the dignity of Congrese, by suppressing disorder among its members and sustaining the authority of its

The recent death, at the age of eighty years, of the venerable Col. Robert Monroe Harrison, Consul of the United States at Kingston, Jamaica, has already been announced in our columns. Col. Harrison, was a cousin of our late President of that name, and was His journey extended nearly to the frontier born in Virginia in 1768. He was appointed of British America, and has not ben wholly to the pary by Washington, and the date of unsuccessful; a considerable number of ani- just confirmed by the Senate, we notice that his commission was the same as that of Com- mals have been secured for the ensuing cammodore Rodgers. He was the friend and as- paign. He has lost but one of his own ani- What has the Richmond South to say? sociate of Truxton, and resigned his commis- mals, and even that was eaten by himself sion during President Jefferson's administra- and party. He at length became very much

We have received from Messrs. James Eutwisle & Son, Exchange Block, King street, the Indian had somewhere found among the a copy of Harper's Magazine, for July, no- Jesuit missions in that region. A pint of ticed by us on Saturday. Francis Marion, this served as a ration per day-not for horse by Loseing; A Journey through the Land of the Aztezs; The Wine-Cup; Caraccas; Nelly's Slipper; The Ladies of the Sacred Heart; Modern Samaritan; Archibald Blossom, Bachelor; Fruition; Explorations of the Amoor River; My Visitation; The Virginians, by Thackaray, &c., comprise a part of the interesting contents.

counties, for items of news; but they will perceive that it is necessary, in all cases, to the surveying party he offered his services to the army, and they were gladly accepted.

Accompany their communications, with their He says that the Flat-heads have lost a great names. This will apply to a communication many of their horses during the last year from Bealton.

The National Intelligencer, speaking of the recent protective movement at Philadel- "To show the very age and body of the Times." phia, says:-- 'It may be deemed rather a favorable augury, to find parties marshalling themselves upon the principles and policy which divided them in former times." To "this complexion it will, probably, come at last"-and if the slavery question can be parties, knowing no geographical lines, but contending for principles and measures affecting the general interests of the country. dispute their decision.

In reference to the paragraph we copied last Saturday, concerning the reported removal of business men from Petersburg to Memphis, the Petersburg Express says:-"So far as Petersburg is concerned, we know the statement to be incorrect. We hear of are now houseless and without the ordinary but very few "substantial and wealthy business men in Petersburg"-only one indeed, -who contemplates removing to Memphis, and his place will doubtless be supplied by a half dozen who intend coming from other places to settle among us."

One of the most remarkable advancements public lands for the breadth of one league in the manufacture of iron in recent years has been the introduction of galvanized tinned iron for an almost innumerable variety of purposes. This material consists of iron dollars per passengers; the neutrality of the plate coated with tin, not by the ordinary canal to be guaranteed by France, Great Bri- tin-plate process, but by galvanie deposition. tain and the United States, on the basis of It serves as a substitute for plain iron, for tinthe Clayton-Bulwer treaty, but the French plate, for zinc, and for lead under certain special circumstances. It is stronger and W. S. Harney to be a Brigadier General; ships-of-war stationed on the canal or on Lake | more durable for many purposes than lead or | Lieut. Col. P. St. George Cooke, of 21 Dra-

> We have full particulars of the experimental trip of the Atlantic Telegraph fleet. Major. The weather was fine, and the experiments were quite successful. The depth of the sea dro the Second, now being built from Rio de where the experiments were made was 2,530 fathoms, or nearly three miles. The cable was spliced four times, the vessels being separated on one occasion nearly four miles. The ships were put at various speeds, and by the aid of the new apparatus the cable withstood

A letter from Staunton, says, "I have atthink the evidence puts his case in a much more favorable light than that in which it was at first presented. The jury could not agree and have been discharged. He cannot be convicted of murder. Public opinion here, is changed in regard to the matter, very much, since the unfortunate affair happened.'

There is "fending and proving" in the gewspapers about the Great Rail Road route by the Virginia and Tennessee Rail Road, only a President and Secretary! Orange and Alexandria, &c. Doubtless, at first, there may be imperfections, or occasionof such a route. But every thing is working well now, and the passengers are highly pleased with the line.

The market gardens near Norfolk are now of early fruits and vegetables being shipped every week to New York.

We still continue to hear unfavorable

## Later from Sait Lake.

Sr. Louis, June 17 .- A despatch received dates from Camp Scott to May 29th. The mail train was seventeen days and a half coming through.

Fort Bridger. Colonel Hoffman bas reached the Big Sandy creek, 78 miles from Fort Bridger.

The Mormons were all leaving the valley, lestation. Gen. Johnston was to leave for nations! The Enquirer says :-- "If the Salt Lake City as soon as provisions reached "Mercury" does not more carefully supervise him, independent of the arrival of Captain

The mail party met the out-going trains We entertain too much respect for the people at the following places: - The first train at subject of general remark. She was only of South Carolina, to believe that such trea- the Three Crossings on the Sweet Water; the six days and ten hours in making her trip sonable suggestions find any echo in the second train at the Better Cottonwood; the from land to land, that is from Southampton breast of the Palmetto people. They are too third train at Ash Hollow, and the fourth at proud and powerful to become the slaves of Walnut creek. The mail train encountered the snow storm in the South Pass, 110 miles but they cannot be willing, for the enhance- from Camp Scott, and met Col. Anderson's Lynchburg Virginian, on Tuesday, a cabbage and Col. May's column at the Big Blue river. The "peace commissioners" were about ten

Additional advices from Salt Lake bave of the camp. The troops during the pre-

## Ap Adventurous Virginian.

Mr. Ficklin, a native of Albemarle county, has rendered very valuable services to the demanding great courage and endurance .--The following from the army correspondence of the Baltimore Exchange, will be read with interest: "An arrival of more interest to the army,

which occurred to-day, is that of Mr. Ficklio, who was dispatched with a party of men soon after our arrival here last fall on an expedition to the Northwest, among the Flatheads, for the purpose of procuring horses. straightened for provisions, and at one time laid bimself under obligations to a Digger Indian for a small quantity of wheat, which of Claims. but for man. This Mr. Ficklin is a young man who has the energy and endurance of a bar of steel. He is a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute, and does honor, not but also to West Point, from which that institution is a legitimate ramification. He formerly belonged to Magraw's surveying party, when, with a few revolvers hung from We are always thankful to our friends his waist, he used to thread these mountain and correspondents, from the neighboring valleys alone with as much unconcern as if they were city streets. On the breaking up of the surveying party he offered his services

from distemper."

News of the Day.

Kansas is quiet. Now that Congress has diourned, no agitation can be renewed on the question. Some of the Missouri members, before they left the city, expressed the opinion that at the election on the 1st of August, the people of Kansas would agree to scouled out of our political vocabulary, we come into the Union under the Lecompton shall again have two great national political constitution. But if they take the other alternative and choose to remain out of the Union till they have a population equal to

> A correspondent of the Canada Journal states that some "thirty leagues square" of forests and settlements in the counties of Chicoutimi, Latterriere, Jonquire, and Bagot have been ravaged by fire. Many of the inbabitants parrowly escaped death, and they necessaries of life. It originated at Grand Brule, and its ravages extended to the township of Chicoutimi. Thirty to thirty five buildings have been burnt down, and about two thousand minots of seed destroyed.

The last mails from Europe bring intellied British elergymen, Rev. Dr. Bird, of the Established Church, and Rev. George Marsdon, of the English Wesleyan Church. The latter died at Manchester, May 16th, in the 86th year of his age, and the 66th of his ministry. This venerable man was well known in the United States.

The Senate at its last Axecutive session, on Wednesday, confirmed the following military nominations : Brevet Brigadier General goons, to be a Colonel; Major M. S. Howe, 2d Dragoons, to be a Lieutenant Celonel; Capt. L. P. Graham, 2d Dragoons, to be a

The construction of the Railroad Don Pe-Janeiro, the Philadelphia Ledger says, has been awarded to American citizens, and the contract is a job of \$3,000 000. The parties who have obtained it are two Philadelphians, C. L. Harran and W. M. Watte, and W. M. Roberts, a native of Pennsylvania, and three other individuals.

The London holders of Mexican bonds have had a meeting to approve the suggestion tended the trial of Rev. Mr. Downey. He of Gen. Houston as to a protectorate over was fairly tried, and most ably defended. I Mexico. They put in a saving clause in their resolutions, that the entire revenue of the Republic is pledged for their claim, and this they wish to have distinctly understood, whether Mexico choose a protectorate or not.

The Council of Richmond have voted the Central Agricultural Society \$1,000 in addition to the use of the grounds and tents belonging to the city. The merits of the United States Agricultural Society were discussed, but some of the Council didn't seem to think much of an organization that boasted

A South-western paper nominates Hon. G. W. Hopkins, of the Abingdon District, as al mischances, in the complete organization Governor Wise's successor. A movement is understood also to be on foot in favor of Hon. Henry A. Edmundson. Faulkner is actively in the field; and appearances denote that Mr. Letcher will not be permitted to walk over the course without a contest.

Senators Bell and Crittenden have declined the compliment of a public dinner offered them by several of the most prominent citisens of New York, who declare that for years counts of the prospects for wheat in the increasing admiration, the eminently patriof these gentlemen.

States Agricultural Society has been presen- and who was afterwards purchased and set from St. Joseph's, on the 15th inst., by United ted to C. H. McCormick, esq., of Chicago, for States express at Booneville, says that the the best Reaping Machine exhibited at the Salt Lake mail arrived last night, bringing national field trial of harvest implements at Syracuse, last summer. The medal is a highly creditable work of American art.

There has been a large increase in the re-At the last accounts Captain Marcy's train ecipts at tide-water, New York, this year Pension Office and forging land warrants .-was on the Cherokee trail, 200 miles from over last, of flour, wheat, corn, and barley. Reducing the wheat to flour, the excess of receipts of 1858 over 1857 is equal to 592,-669 barrels of flour.

Among the bills of an interesting character which failed at the last session, by not bethey intend fortifying, to avoid further mo- ing reached in the order of business, was the bill in the House of Representatives for the admission of Oregon as a State and the bill to create the Territory of Nevada.

> The quick passage of the Vanderbilt is the to Cape Race.

> Mrs. John Halliday sent to the office of the feet in circumference, and weighed 61 pounds. 'Tis surely a rouser for June!

James H. Johnson, of Rappahannock been received. Seventy Mormon families County, charged with the murder of his wife had applied for and received protection at by strychnice, on Saturday, the 12th inst., has been sent on to the July term of the

A thief broke into a fishing schooner at Gloucester which was undergoing fumigation to kill the rate, and the smoke overpowered him in the midst of his plander, and he was fairly caught in a rat-trap.

There is a controversy going on through for the same office. the columns of the Richmond Dispatch as to Orange, and the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad.

Advices from China, three weeks later forth by the New York Christian Advocate. make no mestion of such an occurrence.

The New York Advertiser makes an arithmetical computation that the produce of a single fly by successive generations in one summer is 2,080,820!

Among the appointments of the President, of Gabriel Fleuret, Consul at Bordeaux .--Fletcher Webster has been appointed U. S. Commissioner, at Boston, to succeed Judge

Loring, appointed Chief Judge of the Court The rains of last Saturday in Rappabannock County, have resulted in the destruction be regretted. We trust, also, that he may FARM of THREE HUNDRED and FIFTY of a number of dams, fences, and crops of

various kinds. Benjamin F. Fishback, a citizen of Rockingham County, near Harrisonburg, commitonly to his State and her military institution, ted suicide at that place, on Monday last, by hanging himself.

> land, on Saturday, Judge Clifford sentenced George W. Young, of Augusta, the mail robber, to fifteen years in the State prison.

Springs. The reception at the President's, last Satur- z short time restore him to health and strength.

day, was the last of the season.

Experience is claimed to be a great teacher, and the old adags is often repeated that "a burnt child dreads the fire:" but all warnings appear to be in vain in reference to the use of burning fluids. Here we have a double casualty:-"A camphene lamp exploded

last night at No. 34 Columbia street, dangerously burning Mary Clark, a seamstress in the bouse. The giri's screams alarmed a child six years of age, named Arthur, at No. 40 the same street, and in raising a window to look out he fell to the pavement, fractur-

A very important change has recently been the representative ratio, no one can regret or made by the directors of Girard College, in relation to admissions to that institution. The practice has hitherto been to admit children whose fathers are dead, without reference to the fact whether the mother was living or not. The practical effect of the new decision of the directors will be: first, to exclude from admission all children whose mothers are living; and second, to extend the benefit of the institution to children born in all parts of Pennsylvania.

The Maysville (Ky.) Eagle announces the grand jury. death of Judge Adam Beatty, who died at his residence in that city on the 9th instant, gence of the death of two very distinguish- in the 821 year of his age. An obituary notice of the deceased states that he was a native of Maryland, born 1777, in the midst of the revolution, of a family distinguished for zeal in the cause of the country, an older brother of a Captain in the service, falling gl riously at the head of his company in the terribly disastrous battle of Camden.

> A letter from Paris says:--Lola Montez has come to Paris, to educate her daughter for the ballet. The illustrious mother has in the mean time taken an engagement at the Cafe chantant for the season, at a salary f 20,000 francs, (\$4,000) where she will probably perform the Indian scalp dance and Le Pas de Kangaroo. The former she learned from the red skins of the far West, and the latter from the long limbed deformities of Australia.

The New Orleans Commercial Bulletin states that "Bultimore is the first city in the United States that was lighted with gas, among the first that introduced water pipes, the first in the world that introduced and put in successful operation a passenger railroad, the first city in the Union that erected a monument to George Washington, and the city where the magnificent telegraph was first commenced.'

Mr. Issae M. Smith, an enterprising citizen of Norfolk, has commenced the manufacture of Brooms in that city. The Day Book says :-- "There are about thirty thousand dellars worth of brooms sold in Norfolk and Portsmouth annually, the whole of which has here ofore been purchased at the North and (save the small profit) this enormous sum has yearly been sent away for one small article of domestic economy.'

Prentice, of the Louisville Journal, thinks that a step should at once be put to the swill milk trade in New York, yet very coolly adds :-- "But were it quite certain that the present race of babies in New York would, if spared to grow up, make no better men than a large proportion of their fathers are, the suppression of distillery milk would not perhaps be important." The Albany Argus mentions an instance

nymous terms. So great is the rivalry between the Propeller Line and the Hudson River railroad for the carrying trade of the drovers that live stock have recently been carried to New York as we are informed, by the Propellers free of charge. According to the statement of a gentleman otic, statesmanlike, and truly national course | who has recently been North, the noted

in which ambition and folly are almost syno-

Anthony Burns,-a fugitive slave obtained The "Grand Gold Medal" of the United in Boston only at the point of the bayonet, bas had in encouraging the projectors of this free-is now in the Penitentiary of Massachusetts, for the crime of robbery ! It is reported that he is there for life. (?) John W. Gully, a man sixty-seven years of

age, has plead guilty in the United States Court at Raleigh, N. C., of defrauding the He was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and fined \$4,000. The sentence would have been more severe had not the prisoner been afflicted with an incurable disease.

The jury in the case of Rev. Daniel Downey, tried at Smunton, for the murder of Wm. Mullins, in December last, has been discharged, not being able to agree upon a ver- which the wires can safely rest, free from all dict. Nine of the jurors were in favor of a conviction for murder in the second degree. two favored an acquittal, and one was for involuntary manslaughter.

Certain vague and painful rumors have been going the rounds of London society for the last week or two, and now they assume a definite form. The great novelist, and delineator of the character of the inimitable Mr. Pecksniff, (Mr. Charles Dickens,) has

P. T. Barnum has sailed for Liverpool, justly stigmatized as visionary and unworthy whither he goes to complete arrangements of serious consideration .- Union. for the exportation of the Lumley Opera Troupe for a grand campaign in the fail .-The Kangaroo took out 182 passengers, and the Pailadelphia, which left for Havana, took 170, nearly all for California.

The Mississippi Democrat comes out with master General, and urges his nomination the manner of the loss, but without success. for the next Presidency! The Paulding Clarion has an article in favor of Hon. Albert G. Brown, U. S. Schator from Mississippi,

Ray, George W. Samson, of Washington, name mentioned in connection with exploits the relative merits of the Alexandria & is announced to deliver the anniversary advarious goods, which were left in charge of dress before the Philomathean Society of the the express agents until last night, when they Richmond (Va.) Female Institute, at the ap- were opened and examined before Justice proaching commencement; and the Rev. Tit- Donn. The most valuable part of the conthan the rumored death of the Emperor, put erius G. Jones, of Norfolk, has been selected tents consisted of near three hundred dollars to preach the missionary sermon.

Mr. Wm. B. Astor, now in Paris, has bought Powers's statue called "California," bin's part to enter into the variety and fancy for the sum of \$7,500, and the Hon. Hamilton cutlery, jawelry, ladies' worked collars, cra-Fish has bought a third duplicate of the same vats, bandkerchiefs, necknerchiefs, fancy artist's "Fisher Boy," for the sum of \$1,000. soaps, and eau de cologne, all the requisites

sured 41 feet.

# Rappahanneck County.

The following order was made and adopted by acclamation in the County Court of Rappahannock, at its last term, all the Magistrates of the County being present. The retirement of a faithful officer is always to be restored to bealth. gentleman who is eminently qualified to discharge the duties of the office: In the County Court of Rappahannock Coun- tween the twe

ty, 14th day of June, 1858 -Ordered, That this tribute to William J. Menefee, Clerk, whose In the United States Circuit Court at Port- term of office will expire on the 1st day of July next, be entered among the minutes of this day. "That in him the County loses a most compe- at which it can be purchased, owing to its proxtent and efficient Clerk, and one who has always discharged the duties of his office without favor or partiality; and that this court deeply re- as those wishing to purchase will examine for ident will spend a few days at Bedford gret the loss to them of his valuable services, themselves. Suffice it to say, that it is the that his voluntary retirement from office may on the undersigned at Warrenton,

-Culpeper Observer.

Telegraphic Despatches.

READING, PA., June 17 .-- Lord Napier, the French Minister, accompanied by Senators Seward and Cameron, arrived last night at Lebanon. Afterwards they came on to Read ing, where they were joined by Mr. Cullen, president of the Reading railroad company, and Mr. Kortright, the British Consul at Philadelphia. They proceeded to Pottsville, where they will visit the coal mines in the vicinity.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 17 .-- Archbishop Hughes attended here before the grand jury as an applicant for an indictment against the Albany Statesman for a libel, contained in certain letters concerning an alleged Catholic secret society which it claims exists under the title of the "Circle of Jesus."-After hearing the archbishop's testimony, the grand jury refused to indict, on the ground that if the matter is libelious against the archbishop, it should be prosecuted in New York where he lives, and not at the expense of Albany county. The archbishop then offered to bear the expenses of the prosecution, but the bill was refused by the

WHEELING, June 18 .- The travel is now unbroken through from Baltimore to Cincinnati. The Central Onio trains are running regularly again. The express passengers were safely passed over at the lost bridge this morning, and in good time. Among them were Senators Crittenden and Pugh, and many other members of Congress.

trains are right on this end of the Baltimore and Oato read.

HUNTINGBON, PA., June 17 .- An accident occurred to the express passenger train, go ing West, at 7 o'clock this morning, at oleton station, about 50 miles west of Harriburg, on the Pennsylvania ratiroad, by which two ladies and a boy were injured, the former slightly and the latter more seriously. Due truck only was thrown from the track, which caused that end of the car to strike a freight car standing on the siding, occasioning the injury referred to, but doing no other St. Louis, June 18 .- The river here is

falling, and the weather is fine. CINCINNATI, June 18 .- The Objectiver falling here, and the corn lands along the Miami river are again free from water .-Corn planting is going on, and barley harvesting. The wheat crop is flourishing.

WILMINGTON, DEL, June 17 .- The councils of this city granted the privilege to the American Telegraph Company to locate their oles in the streets of Wilmington, by a vote

St. Louis, June 18 .- The last accounts from Cairo show the reports about the flood at that place to have been much exaggerated. The damage is considerably less than Boston, June 17 .- The anniversary of the

battle of Bunker Hill was celebrated to day. by a military display, in this city, and at Charleston, and a firemen's parade at Chelsea. LOUISVILLE, June 17 .- The additional stock in the Bank of Louisville, \$850,000 and \$100,000 in the Commercial Bank, were all taken to-day, and the books closed.

Deep Sen Soundings. Until recently the depth of the ocean and the character of its bed have been concealed from human observation ever since its waters were separated from the dry land. For ages many efforts were made to solve these problems, but without success, until Lieut. John M. Brooke, of the United States Navy, was fortunate enough to bit upon a contrivance which has effectually removed obstacles in the way of their solution, until his invention, deemed insurmountable. And now that a pratical result of incalculable value to the whole world, due mainly to the revelations of (the laying of the Atlantie Telegraph,) it is fue to him that public attention should be directed to the agency which his invention

grand scheme to prosecute the work. ascertained whether the plummet had ever reached the bottom. This doubt has been completely removed by Brooke's contrivance. and the depth of the ocean approximated with sufficient accuracy for all practical purposes. Nor was it known whether there might ot be currents over the bed of the ocean of sufficient strength to prevent a stationary nosition to the telegraphic cable or abrading agencies there, adequate to the destruction of the wires. The lead has established the fact, that the water which covers the bed of the ocean is in a state of perfect tranquility, and a soft cushion there provided, upon danger of disturbances from any source. Is or the discovery of these facts, due entirely obstacles were to be encountered? Nor can it be believed that the Government either of the revelations of the lead, would have been

### Express Robberies and Arrest.

For some months past, complaints have been made by merchants and others receiving goods in this city, by Adams & Co.'s Express, that articles have been stolen from packages, or were lost on the way. The memoir of Hon. Aaron V. Brown, Post- agents had made every exertion to discover until recently, when they suspected a colored man in their employ, named Thomas Thornton Maibin, who was arrested vesterday by officers Parnam and Kimball, United States police officers. The officers obtained from his residence two trunks, closely packed with in gold, silver, and paper money; and the remainder would indicate an intention on Malstore business; fine kid gloves, portemonnaics, Dr. F. S. Thos. recently showed the ed- of a gentleman's toilet, were found, and, in itor of the Grayson county (Va.) Patriot a addition, a lot of very handsome snells, for specimen of grass, the stalks of which mea- mantel ornaments. Maibin was committed to jail for a future bearing, which will take place probably as soon as the goods have been identified. Hitherto, he has borne an excellent character, having been employed in the service of some of our wealthiest citizens .- Wash Star

TERY DESIRABLE FARM FOR SALE We understand be ACRES, situated about one mile from Green-Orange and Alexandria Railroad-lying be-

> All the improvements on the place are ample and in good order. There are 125 acres of valuable timber on this farm, which will more than pay the price

> imity to two railroads. A more particular description is unnecessary

SHACKELFORD & SPILMAN. Fauquier Co., Va., ap 22-eotJe22

The Valley from Ashby's Gap. From "Recollections of Philip Pendleton

British Minister, and Count Sartiges, the Cooke" in the last number of the Southern Literary Messenger we extract the following: The beautiful region in which he thus took

ut his abode was eminently favorable to the pursuits in which he leved to engage. A hospitable and refined society surrounded the little village of Millwood, at the distance of a few miles; the neighboring mountains were filled with pheasants, turkeys and other game; but above all, the affluent grace and beauty of the noble landscape appealed to his most therished tastes and instincts as poet and ardent lover of the "sweet aspects" and wild charms of nature. Much has been written touching the delightful character of this region. Mr. Irving, in his life of Washington. speaks of its "magnificent forests," and Mr. Simms, in his delightful Southward Ho. which we regret is not before us, says that in the Shenandonh valley a poet may find his most perfect realization of the charms of Aceady. The good Burnaby an English traveller, who crossed at Ashby's Gap in 1759, devotes a glowing page to the attractions of the landscape, as seen from the summit of the mountain. "When I was got to the top," he says, "I

was inexpressibly delighted with the scene that opened before me. Immediately under the mountain, which was covered with chamodlaphnes in full bloom, was a most beauti ful river; beyond this, an extensive plain diversified with every pleasing object which The weather is clear and warm, and all the nature can exhibit; and at the distance of tifty miles another ridge of still more lofty mountains, called the Great or North Ridge which enclosed and terminated the whole "The Shenandoah," he continues, "is exceedingly remantic and beautiful, forming great variety of falls, and is so transparent that you may see the greatest variety of pebbles at the depth of eight or ten feet \*\*\* I could not but reflect with pleasure on the situation Hammerly, esq., several muttons and a bee of these people, and think, if there is such a thing as happiness in this life, that they enoy it. Far from the bustle of the world. they live in the most delightful climate and richest soil imaginable; they are everywhere surrounded with beautiful prospects and sylvan scenes, lofty mountains, transparent streams, falls of water, rich valleys and mystic woods. \*\*\* They live in perfect liberty, and possess what many princes would give half their dominions for-health, content and tranquility of mind." The Vineyard," the residence of the poet,

s a handsome edifice, and standson aspecies f table land near Ashby's Gap, in perhaps the most beautiful portion of the entire valley-that just described by Burnaby. We shall not soon forget a morning in the summer of 1848, when we accompanied him to a point near at hand, from which the varied eauties of the exquisite landscape were plainly discerned. Immediately to the left stretched the battlements of the Blue Ridge, running far away to the South, and disappearing in a silvery mist which fell over the bil wy headlands like a veil of gauze. Against he conical peak called the "Blue Ball," with its dark crowding pines, a dense white vapor, rising from the Shenandoah, was visible; and through this vapor the purple rays of sunrise olunged like the spears of an embattled host. routing and driving it before them. In front a rolling country of green hills and wooded vales stretched away to the great North mountain, blue against the Western horizon; and in the middle of the valley, at the distance of about twenty miles, the imposing Massinutton range soured into the sky like a mighty wave of the ocean-its summit covered with light fleecy clouds which resembled foam. From the foliage of the forests rose the white walls of many country seats; and over the whole landscape of bill and meadow. mountain and river, bovered that limpid haze, if we may use the expression, which so tempers the clear sunlight of the region, rounding every basutiful outline, and communicating to the face of nature an enchantine warmth and softness.

From the lotty elevation upon which we memorable by the presence of great names; We learn from Lieut, Maury that until the and when not seen for the intervening forest, invention of Brooke's lead, it never had been | we still knew that they were near at hand -"Greenway Court," the residence of the eccentric nobleman, Lord Fairfax, who left the plendors of the English Court to come and pend the rest of his life in the wilds of Virginia, surrounded by his deer hounds, still slept, with its old beliries, under the great es but a few miles distant; and here it was hat a young surveyor, crossing the ford of he Sherandoah in the neighborhood had tarried for a season in the month of March, surveyor only sixteen years of age, whose name was George Washington. Across the ills to the right was "Soldier's Rest." where e had often slept, his weary head resting open his kurpsack; and in the distance was Winchester, the border sentinel of old days. it, then, an improbable supposition that but where the same boy at twenty-three went through the terrible ordeal of the Indian masto Brooke's invention, capitalists never would | sacres-bearing the woes and sufferings of the have invested their capital in an enterprise frontier on his youthful shoulders. In front involved in so much uncertainty, and in the | to end our enomeration, just beyond the vilexecution of which so many unknown lage of Millwood, was "Saratoga," the residence of General Daniel Morgan, the hero of Quebec, and Saratoga, and the Cowpens, who this country or of England, would have lent came here after a long and stormy life to rest their aid to an undertaking which, but for from his toils. A hundred spots were thus suggestive of the past and its great names; of a thousand stirring deeds and "moving actidents." Indeed the valley of the Shenanloan is everywhere eloquent of the past. The beautiful and abounding river" flows through istory and romance, as well as through tall woodlands and green fields; over legends nd forgotten things, as over the bright sands nd peobles in its bed. The old days of the st century, and the centuries before, saw Delawares and Catawbas clash tegether the wild solitudes; the Blue Ridge and the assinutton echoed with their savage shouts, and the limpid stream was often dyed with shood for authentic history tells us that this region was in former years the battle-field of tribes and nations. Now it is tranquil and smiling- face. he blood and terror are forgotten; but every lover of the great past will hope that the "glory of not a footprint disappear. That dreadful disin egration which preys upon the foundations, wever durable they may be, of the most splendid monuments of the Old World, should never be permitted to invade these places and memorials. They speak more clearly than all of \$500 worth of Hay per annum, contains else of our heroic age.

The Rappahennock Bank. The Legislature of Virginia passed an act establishing a Bank in the town of Tappahanneck, Essex county, on the 14th of February, 1853, to be known as The Rappahannock Bank, whose issues were to be "secured by pledge of State securities," or, as is more generally known, providing the independent or State Stock feature as the basis on which it was to operate. The capital stock was to be not less than \$100,000 nor more than \$300,000 An effort was made to establish the Bank immediataly after the charter was granted, but failed of even the minimum sub--We are authorized to sell, privately, a scription. We learn that Webb & Co., of Washington City, D. C., have come forward and made a subcription of \$250,000, which, will be succeeded by Mr. Peyton, a young wich, and within four miles of the Manassas with the expected subscriptions of the coun-Gap Railroad, and within five miles of the try adjacent to Tappahannock, will soon absorb the maximum amount, and that measures will be taken to organize the Bank in the course of a very few weeks. Webb & Co., are represented as the bolders of a large amount of Virginia State Stock, and able to make the whole subscription for the Bank .- Fredericksburg Herald.

A NY ONE wishing to purchase one of the most beautiful and desirable FARMS on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, about 38 miles from Alexandria, will do well make to immediate application to

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Loudoun County, Va.

The freshet caused by the heavy rains of last Friday night and Saturday have proved very destructive throughout the County Upon most of the water courses the mill-ian and fences have been swept away, and o corn, wheat and grass upon the bottoms have been mostly destroyed. Mr. Lloyd Noint lost sixty sheep on his farm, near Noland's Ferry, by the sudden rise of a stream. have heard of no other losses of stockmany thousand dollars would be requi to replace the bridges, repair the roads, at pay for the corn and wheat destroyed.

FREE NEGRORS .- From recent decisions the County Court of Loudoun it is very tain but few free negroes, if any, will be lowed to remain much longer in this County, They are strongly suspected of aiding runaway slaves in making their escape. The predice against that class of our population becoming very decided and general. To Court seems strongly inclined to reject all petitions of free negroes (not entitled) to remain in the County.

Mr. Henry Swart had his examining trial before the County Court on Mondy last, for the murder of Algernon Cross, who was killed on the 28th of May. The Court decided it was a case of self-defence, and release him. The decision was unanimously approve ed by all who heard the evidence. We are happy to learn the injury sustain

ed from the late freshet upon the work done upon the Loudoun and Hampshire railroad in this county, will not exceed \$5,000, and probably not more than half that sum. An Irishman by the name of Thomas

Murray, was drowned on Tuesday last, by foolishly attempting to swim Goose-Creek when the stream was full and the current We had the pleasure on Monday last, o examining, at the slaughter shop of Jo

slaughtered for this market-which, for quality, we doubt if they could be surpassed in the County. They were of fine large size. and as fat as they could be. They were raised upon the farm of John Japney, esq. a few miles east of Leesburg .- Leesburg Wash. inglonian.

### Fredericksburg Items.

The District Court adjourned last week, after three days session, in which they deded seven cases as follows: -- Lowis vs. The -affirmed. Smith vs. Anderson-reverse Chesley vs. Petribone-reversed. Laws vs. Brewis-reversed. McPherson vs. Thou as-reversed-and two others affirmed. John James Chew, esq., was unanimous! re-elected on Wednesday, to the Clerkship the District Court.

On Friday, the Real Estate of the last Stephen J. Blaydes was sold by G. Juhr ston, Auctioneer. The Warehouse next News Office was bought by Captain D. Read, for \$1,530; the wooden warehouse oining Mr. M. Ames' residence, by Mr. Aler, for \$439; the warehouse below Blayd store, by Hart and Hayes, for \$1,250, and the double tenement on Maine street, by Tim berlake & Company, for \$2,000. Two houses were not sold.

The cite and ruins of the Bridgewater Mills, belonging to Joseph B. Ficklen, esand recently destroyed by fire, were sol on Saturday last, to Knox & Wellfords for \$3,094, one half to be paid at the expir tion of five years, and the residue to remain

as an annuity at the will of the purchase Wm. A. Stephens, land agent; has sol about 200 acres of land, belonging to t heirs of Charles Lewis, dec., for \$2,000. Chancellorsville has changed bands, gentleman from New Jersey being the pur

chaser. It is to be resold by Wm. A. phens, Land Agent. CTRIBLING SPRINGS .- This Mountain Re from Staunton, and 21 miles from Harre burg, will be under the management of 3

PETER H. WOODWARD, formerly at Jackson River, and Healing Springs. The Proprietor respectfully announces to valids and a pleasure seeking public, that by the general improvement of the premises since la season, after the 10th of June, he will be prepared to offer visitors the most pleasant accom-

modations in the Virginia mountains. The Waters of this place are unsurpassed fact the visitor at these Springs has the advantage of all the various waters belonging to the entire mineral region of Virginia. The Sulphus Water, excelled by none except

that of Greenbrier. The ALUM Senings, inferior to none, as testefor the last five years; with the Chalybeate and Free-Stone Waters, all at hand, in abundanrender this place, properly, the MINERAL SPRINGS OF VIRGINIA.

For pleasure-seekers, there will be Messa attendance, and the amusements and sports at forded by mountain resorts. An experienced Physician will reside at the

Springs. TERMS :-\$10 per week-\$30 for a month four weeks, and a reduction made for an entit season. For less than a week \$2 per day will be charged.

A line of superior four horse Mail Coache will leave Staunton daily, for this place, alle the arrival of the Eastern cars. A line of STAGES will pass the Springs route from Harrisonburg to Bath Alum Spring

three times a week, leaving Harrisonburg of Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays CHESLEY KINNEY, Proprietor.

Augusta county, Va., je 21-eo1m DOTOMAC LAND FOR SALE -The LAND, on the Waters of Potomac Creek Stafford County, Va., containing TEN HI DRED and TWENTY ACRES. It boolers the Creek (which is navigable) 21 miles. distant about one mile from the Richm Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad. soil is very productive in all the usual gra-crops, but particularly adapted to the growth Tobacco and Grass, though it is of uneven s

finest shell Marl. A large quantity of Hickor Oak and Pine Wood may be cut from the la worth on the shore of the creek from tw four dollars per cord. Also, a good deal of 1 dar and Locust, Yellow Popular and White On

Timber. There is a meadow now yielding an average fourteen Acres of land, which may be increase to fifty acres of prime Meadow. Grass grow well all over the Land, which renders if vable for grazing purposes. Indeed, it grazes a nually, about fifty head of cattle in the Altogether it is a very valuable tract, but I a disposed to sell it below its value as 1 o nother large farm adjoining it, and have no sufficient force to manage both. I invite sons disposed to purchase such property to amine it, or communicate with me by letter Accokeek Post Office, Stafford county

JOHN MINOR, M. D. Stafford Co., ap 2-2aw6m

\$100 REWARD.—Ranaway from the subscriber, near Ce treville, Fairfax County, Va., on the night 5th instant, negro woman HARRIET, about years of age, black, 5 feet 3 or 4 inches his and tolerably likely. She was purchased by of Messrs. Dickinson & Hill, in Richmond. an formerly came from King George County. will give the above reward if returned to ale or secured so that I can get her.
A. S. GRIGSBY

Fairfax County, Va., ap 5-eetf

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